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SUBJECT; P.L. 480 TITLES I, II AND III - ZAIRE

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1. MISSION APPRECIATES OFFER NIAMEY FFP OFFICER PER REFTTEL. BEFORE  
ACCEPTING HOWEVER, BELIEVE ADDITIONAL INFO ON OUR REQUIREMENTS  
MAY HELP IN SELECTING APPROPRIATE TDY.

2. MISSION REQUIRES ASSISTANCE OF FFP OFFICER IN ANALYZING CURRENT  
NEED FOR TITLE II PROGRAM IN ZAIRE; IN EVALUATING POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTING

AGENCIES; AND IN DEVELOPING BASIC DOCUMENTATION. CURRENT PORPOSAL  
BASED ON FEEDING PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC WARDS OF HOSPITALS AND CHILD  
NUTRITION CENTERS.

3. MISSION ALSO REQUIRES ASSISTANCE OF FFP OFFICER WITH RESPECT TO  
TITLE I PROGRAM:

A. RE GY'76 AND FY'77 PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO RESOLVING  
DISCREPANCIES IN GOZ ARRIVAL REPORTS AND SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDS TO BE  
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DEPOSITED IN COUNTERPART FUND ACCOUNT. FOR EXAMPLE, OFFICIAL OFF-  
LOADING REPORTS FOR FY'76 PROGRAM INDICATE ABOUT A ONE PERCENT  
SHORTAGE OF RICE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN LOADED IN U.S. THERE ARE  
OTHER SIMILAR OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS, WHICH WE BELIEVE COULD BE  
RESOLVED WITH BROAD GAUGE EXPERIENCED FFP ASSISTANCE. ALSO CONCERNED  
ABOUT DISTRIBUTION AND PRICING OF COMMODITIES ARRIVING UNDER FY'77  
PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY RICE.

B. NEGOTIATIONS ON FY'78 PROGRAM HAVE JUST BEGUN. WE BELIEVE ABOUT SIX WEEKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FINALIZE AN AGREEMENT, AND THAT FFP OFFICER ASSISTANCE BEGINNING WEEK OF JAN. 16 WOULD HELP ASSURE THAT WE CAN COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THAT SIX WEEK PERIOD. DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE UNDERSTANDING ON USE COUNTERPART FUNDS TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT NEEDY.

C. GOZ HAS REQUESTED A TOTAL OF 50,000 MT OF RICE IN FY'78 PROGRAM. MISSION HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED 30,000 MT. NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS ALLOW 10,000 MT. FFP OFFICER TDY WOULD HELP MISSION ADDRESS QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE AMOUNTS.

4. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON TITLE III INDICATE HIGH GOZ INTEREST. PROGRESS IN SETTING UP COUNTERPART FUND AND PROGRAMMING OPERATIONS IN DEPARTMENT OF PLAN PROCEEDING ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN TITLE III GUIDANCE. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TITLE III CONSIDERED WITHIN FY'78 PROGRAM, AT LEAST IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY AMENDMENT ADDING ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF RICE, AND BELIEVE THAT FFP OFFICER ASSISTANCE WOULD BE USEFUL TO ASSIST USAID AND GOZ DEPARTMENT OF PLAN TO PROPOSE TITLE III

PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON DOCUMENTATION NEEDED.

5. THEREFORE, MISSION REQUESTS TDY OF FFP OFFICER, EXPERIENCED IN TITLE I AND II, WITH UNDERSTANDING OF TITLE III, FOR THREE TO FOUR WEEKS, BEGINNING WEEK OF JAN. 16. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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